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Memorandum

To: Kayloni Ah Tong, System Owner
Enterprise GIS Data Manager
Office of the Chief Information Officer

From: Thomas Dabolt, Authorizing Official
Geospatial Information Officer //Original Signed 01/16/2018
Office of the Chief Information Officer

Subject: Security Authorization Decision for the Geospatial Platform Information System

After reviewing the authorization package and supporting documentation for the Geospatial Platform Information System and based on the information therein, I have determined that the required security controls have been, and continued to be, tested and are adequately implemented within the information system and that the risk to agency operations, agency assets, or individuals resulting from the operation of the information system is acceptable.

Accordingly, I am issuing an authorization to operate (ATO) for the information system in its existing operating environment. The information system is authorized to operate without any significant restrictions or limitations.

The system is considered to be Moderate per the National Institute of Standards (NIST) Special Publication (SP) 800-60, and can process information up to that level.

The ATO is ongoing and will remain in effect for a period of five (5) years as long as:

1. Vulnerability scan reports are provided on the 15th of each month.
2. Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M) are provided on the 15th of each quarter (January, April, July, and October).
3. Contingency Plan, Incident Response Plan and Test Report, IT Security Awareness Training, IT Security Policies, Physical Access Inventory, Configuration Management Plan, IT Contingency Plan & Test Report, Separation of Duties Matrix, and System Security Plan are provided on the ATO anniversary date each year during the 5 year ATO period.
4. The vulnerabilities reported do not result in additional risk which is deemed unacceptable by me as Authorizing Official.

The ATO can be terminated and/or a formal reauthorization requested at any time by me if there is an increased level of concern regarding the security state of the information system or the level of risk introduced by the system is deemed unacceptable.

It is my responsibility to verify that the terms and conditions established as part of this authorization are being followed by the information system owner. Additionally, information system owners are responsible for documenting proposed or actual changes to the information system and its operating environment and determining the impact of those changes on the overall security state of the system and take appropriate action to maintain a level of assurance consistent with this authorization. The security plan, security assessment report and plan of action and milestones report shall be updated as necessary and status/changes will be reported to me on an ongoing basis during quarterly reviews of the status of corrective actions of weaknesses documented in plans of action and milestones.

A copy of this letter with all supporting security authorization documented must be retained in accordance with the agency's record retention schedule.